(d) Of the NHD Programme, the Golden Quadrilateral is complete up to 48%, East-West North-South Corridor up to 8% and port connectivity and other projects up to 18% in physical terms as on 31.05.2004. Delhi Metro project has achieved physical progress of 65% up to 31.05.2004. The projects are expected to be completed as per the following schedule.

Golden Quadrilateral-December 2005

East-West North-South Corridor-December 2007

Port connectivity and other projects-December 2007

First Phase of Delhi Metro-September 2005.

Upgradation of Kolkata and Chennai airports

*36. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the Kolkata and Chennai Airports to new international airports;

(b) the other steps proposed to provide best travel facilities to visitors coming to India; and

(c) in what manner the resources are to be mobilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Kolkata and Chennai are already international airports. The facilities at these airports are regularly being upgraded. Currently, works like construction of Hanger (Including apron), strengthening of D-Taxi track and strengthening of main runway 19L/01R including CAT-II lighting at Kolkata Airport and extension of international apron to runway 07 at Chennai Airports are in progress. Major projects for upgradation are also proposed to be taken up at these airports during the 10th Five Year Plan.

(b) Various existing standardised passenger facilities are being provided/upgraded at these airports.

(c) The resources for these developmental works are being met from internal resources of the Airports Authority of India.